GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:29
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001
SURVEY ON DEVELOPMENT OF WASTELAND
JAGMEET SINGH BRAR

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to develop Wasteland in the country, especially in Rajasthan and Gujarat and to provide infrastructural facilities there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter; and

(e) the details of ongoing schemes in this regard and those which are proposed to be taken up during the current year ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO ANSWER (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 29 FOR REP 24.07.2001

(a) to (c) : No extensive ground survey has been conducted by the Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development. However, a Wasteland Atlas of India 2000 has been prepared by the National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad using remote sensing data containing the details of wastelands in the country including in the States of Rajasthan and Gujarat .The State-wise details are given in Annexure I.

(d) Projects under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) are being sanctioned by the Department of Land Resources for development of Wastelands/Degraded lands in various States.

(e): 298 projects under IWDP to treat an area of 29.32 lakh hectares were sanctionedfrom 1995-96 to 2000-2001. The details of these projects are given in Annexure II. During the current year, new projects to treat an area of about 8 lakh hectares is proposed to be sanctioned to different States.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.29 REGARDING SURVEY ON DEVELOPMENT O WASTELANDS FOR DATED 24TH JULY, 2001.`

STATE-WISE WASTELANDS OF INDIA

Sl.No.	State	Total wastelands area (Sq.Km)
1	Andhra Pradesh	51750.19
2	Arunachal Pradesh	18326.25
3	Assam	20019.17
4	Bihar	20997.55
5	Goa	613.27
6	Gujarat	43021.28
7	Haryana	3733.98
8	Himachal Pradesh	31659.00
9	Jammu & Kashmir	65444.24
10	Karnataka	20839.28
11	Kerala	1448.18
12	Madhya Pradesh	69713.75

13	Maharashtra	53489.08
14	Manipur	12948.62
15	Meghalaya	9904.38
16	Mizoram	4071.68
17	Nagaland	8404.1
18	Orissa	21341.71
19	Punjab	2228.4
20	Rajasthan	105639.11
21	Sikkim	3569.58
22	Truipura	1276.03
23	Tamil Nadu	23013.9
24	Uttar Pradesh	38772.8
25	West Bengal	5718.48
26	Union Territory	574.3
Total		638518.31

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.29 REGARDING SURVEY ON DEVELOPME WASTELANDS `FOR REPLY ON 24TH JULY, 2001.`

NO. OF ON-GOING IWDP PROJECTS SANCTIONED (YEAR-WISE AND STATE-WISE) DURING 1995-96 TO 2000-01

Sl.No.	NAME OF STATE	Area Total	TOTAL (in ha)	Cost (Rs.in lakhs)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	26	297127	11885.08
2	BIHAR	1	1000	40.00
3	CHATTISGARH	5	56670	2266.80
4	GUJARAT	20	217383	8695.32
5	HIMACHAL PR	17	196622	7864.88
6	HARYANA	3	25983	1039.32
7	JAMMU & KASHMIR	3	26880	1075.20
8	JHARKAND	3	18642	745.68
9	KARNATAKA	14	172004	6880.16
10	KERALA	3	29551	1182.04
11	MAHARASHTRA	16	185868	7434.72
12	MADHYA PRADESH	28	252106	10084.24
13	ORISSA	21	154909	6196.36
14	PUNJAB	1	550	22.00
15	RAJASTHAN	22	189377	7575.08
16	TAMIL NADU	20	148894	5955.76
17	UTTAR PRADESH	34	369960	14798.40
18	UTTARANCHAL	5	58532	2341.28
TOTAL PROJECTS		242	2402058	96082.32

NORTH-EASTERN STATES

1	ARUNACHAL PRAD.	1	1500	60.00
2	ASSAM	15	141035	5641.40
3	MEGHALAYA	7	34725	1389.00
4	MANIPUR	7	66468	2658.72
5	MIZORAM	7	75208	3008.32
6	NAGALAND	12	137650	5506.00
7	SIKKIM	7	73254	2930.16
TOTAL PROJECTS		56	529840	21193.60
GRAND TOTAL		298	2931898	117275.92